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SUBJECT: EMBASSY RESPONDS NEGATIVELY TO LAO REQUEST FOR LIST OF
U.S. NATIONALS IN LPDR

REFS: A. STATE 302152; B. VIENTIANE 2876; C. VIENTIANE 2867

1. EMBASSY DECEMBER 16 SENT NOTE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY REGARDING
MINISTRY'S REQUEST FOR LIST OF AMERICANS REGISTERED WITH EMBASSY
CONSULAR SECTION (REPORTED REF C) AS FOLLOWS:

"THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS
COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND IN REFERENCE TO THE MINISTRY'S NOTE NO.
1108/AE/AC.2 WHICH REQUESTS A LIST OF AMERICANS REGISTERED WITH
THE AMERICAN CONSULATE, HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THE MINISTRY
THAT UNITED STATES LAW PRECLUDES RELEASE OF NAMES OF NON-
OFFICIAL AMERICAN CITIZENS REGISTERED WITH AMERICAN CONSULAR
SECTIONS. MOREOVER, NON-OFFICIAL AMERICANS TRAVELING OR LIVING
ABROAD ARE NOT REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE AMERICAN CONSULAR
SECTIONS, ALTHOUGH A FEW DO SO VOLUNTARILY. THE EMBASSY OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THEREFORE REGRETS THAT IT IS UNABLE
TO PROVIDE THE LIST REQUESTED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS."

2. ACTIONS OF VARIOUS NON-COMMUNIST MISSIONS IN VIENTIANE
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IN REGARD TO IDENTICAL REQUESTS AS FOLLOWS:

A) BRITISH ARE RESPONDING THAT BRITISH REGULATIONS PROHIBIT PROVISION OF SUCH INFORMATION, BUT HAVE NOT YET SENT NOTE.

B) FRENCH HAVE REQUESTED INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARIS BUT EMBASSY PERSONNEL HERE HOPE RESPONSE WILL BE NEGATIVE. FRENCH THIRD SECRETARY TOLD EMBOFF DECEMBER 14 THAT THERE ARE OVER ONE THOUSAND PERSONS IN THE LPDR WITH FRENCH PASSPORTS.

C) WEST GERMANS INTEND TO RESPOND NEGATIVELY TO REQUEST BUT HAVE NOT YET SENT NOTE.

D) AUSTRALIANS RESPONDED DECEMBER 10 THAT THEIR REGULATIONS PRECLUDED THEIR PROVIDING INFORMATION REQUESTED.

E) JAPANESE TOLD EMBOFF DECEMBER 10 THAT JAPANESE WERE PREPARING LIST OF 136 JAPANESE IN LPDR TO SEND TO FOREIGN MINISTRY
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